



# Consumer & Food Sensory Science Internship

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## Application Deadline

11th September  
2026



## Start Date

Autumn 2026



## Duration

6-12 months



## Location

Sheffield, United  
Kingdom



## Benefits

- UK VISA costs reimbursed, and application support provided.
- A private room in a professional shared house, paid for, including Wi-Fi and utilities costs.
- Monthly payment to cover commuting tickets and living expenses.

## Role Description

This is a unique opportunity for a student or recent graduate with an interest in consumer and sensory science, supported by a good understanding of food science, to help bridge the gap between the instrumental data generated during food product development and the way consumers perceive, like and choose products. Working alongside food scientists and specialist data analytics and AI teams, the intern will gain practical experience in connecting objective product measurements with consumer perception and preference. The project will involve analysing existing datasets, supporting consumer research, identifying drivers of liking and differences between consumer groups, and translating technical findings into clear and commercially relevant insights for R&D, commercial and marketing teams. This is an interdisciplinary opportunity combining food science, sensory and consumer research, quantitative analysis and emerging data/AI approaches.

## Tasks

- Review instrumental, sensory and consumer datasets.
- Support the design and analysis of consumer studies.
- Apply consumer and sensory research methods such as CATA, JAR, preference mapping and penalty analysis.
- Identify consumer segments and explore differences in preferences and product responses.
- Work with data analytics and AI specialists to explore links between product measurements and consumer response.
- Translate findings into clear insights and recommendations for R&D, commercial and marketing teams.

## Desired Skills

- Consumer Science, Sensory & Consumer Research, Food Science, Food Technology or a closely related discipline
- Understanding of food products, sensory evaluation and/or consumer behaviour.
- Interest in consumer liking, preferences and food-choice behaviour.
- Good analytical skills and an interest in working with quantitative data.
- Interest in consumer segmentation, preference mapping and understanding differences between consumer groups.
- Ability to interpret scientific and technical information and communicate findings clearly.
- Interest in data analytics and AI applications is beneficial, but advanced AI expertise is not required; specialist support will be provided.

## The Host Company

This host is an experienced consultancy group working within the interface between the food industry and the innovation community and has experience in providing internship opportunities for over 20 years, supporting over 150 projects. This host is transforming the plant-based food sector through groundbreaking technology and sustainable practices, establishing itself as a powerhouse in this fast-growing field. As an intern, you'll work alongside experts, gaining invaluable experience in a company driving the future of food innovation. This is your chance to immerse yourself in the world of plant-based foods, contribute to real industry advancements, and build a strong foundation for an impactful career in food innovation. They are looking for motivated students to join the team!